

TCT CAPTAIN MEETING
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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

- Be Organized! Use a chart or a spreadsheet with all your team members and matches where you can record availability from each one. It will make it easier to visualize who is available for each match. • Ask for availability to all players at least 5 days before the match.
- Set clear expectations. With a large team each player should expect to play about half of the matches or less.
- Give every team member an opportunity to play. Unfortunately, we are unable to give refunds.
- Flight winners are determined by points, not by number of matches won. Some teams tend to give up at the end when they could have been very close to the top 2 of the flight!

Communication:

Captains: Take care to communicate clearly to your players when and where the match is to be played. This information is on the website as well.

Record scores promptly and accurately.

Players: Give your captain prompt replies. Be prepared. You can keep up with TCT events on our website.

Both: Show a commitment to your team and to our organization by trying hard to limit defaults. Everyone signs up for TCT because they want to play.

>>>> Remember, TCT is not a vehicle that affects your USTA rating. TCT is all about forging friendships and FUN with tennis players in the Tulsa area. <<<<<

The Process:

- Teams are formed from local facilities. The captain registers the team online before June 20th.
- First round of registrations: Players register for 1 team per division: Adult, Seniors, Mixed
- At the end of the first round of registrations, usually June 30th, each team must have a minimum of 8 players registered.
- The USTA ratings of the players registered determine the average NTRP rating of the team.
- The Placement Coordinator groups teams in different flights according to their average rating
- Second round of registrations. Players can sign up for extra teams in separate flights, if their addition keeps the team average within range. • Playing
- End of Season Banquet

Playing Times

- TCT matches are played between August 1st and October 31st

- **Adult Women** Mon - Thurs, 6:00 pm thru 8:00 pm
- **Adult Men** Mon - Thurs, 6:00 pm thru 8:00 pm (possible matches on Saturday afternoon 2 pm thru 6:00 pm). We are coordinating with USTA to avoid matches on the same day as possible.
- **Mixed** Fri, 6:00 thru 8:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 thru 6:00 pm
- **Seniors** Saturday 9:00 am thru 11:00 am, possible matches in Saturday afternoon or Sunday 2:00 pm thru 6:00 pm)
- **Changes in the USTA schedule and tennis court availability may affect schedules to a greater degree this year. Teams can expect that the number of home and away matches may no longer be equal.**

Flight 1 Open will be composed only of teams with a 5.0 or higher rated player. (To clarify: All players rated at any level may play on a Flight 1 Open team as long as there is at least one 5.0+ player on that team.) A 5.0, or higher, rated player,

may not play in any other Flight.

Sr. Men may still use the Handicap System, as long as they have only one flight.

SCORING

1. Line One will receive one (1) point for each set won, plus four (4) points to the team winning the line.
2. Line Two will receive one (1) point for each set won, plus three (3) points to the team winning the line.
3. Line Three will receive one (1) point for each set won, plus two (2) points to the team winning the line.
4. Line Four will receive one (1) point for each set won, plus one (1) point to the team winning the line.
5. Adult Men, Seniors and Mixed Doubles will score 4-3-2 only
6. If you need to forfeit a line...it's always line 1 and down.

Either captain (or his/her representative) should record the scores online at tulsatct.com within five (5) days of the completion of the match. Failure to do so can lead to a double default on all courts..

CAPTAINS' RESPONSIBILITIES ~ Please read these online in the Rules Section of our website (www.Tulsatct.com) or directory.

BALLS ~ This year TCT is providing the balls, (YAY!!!) using the same procedure as USTA. Home court provides the balls. *If the location of the match gets changed, the original home team is still responsible for the balls.

RE-SCHEDULED MATCHES

NO MATCHES ARE TO BE RESCHEDULED UNLESS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF RAIN OR A HEAT ADVISORY ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. *Exception: if a team you are playing has advanced to USTA Districts/Sectionals/Nationals and one of those USTA matches is scheduled, and they do not have enough TCT players available for the lineup, be gracious and re-schedule.* Captains of these affected matches, please reschedule at least one week in advance.

Contact your Flight Coordinator either by phone, text or email within two days of the originally scheduled date, and complete the makeup match within two weeks.

TCT does not offer refunds for any reason.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

Team registration opens: 5/13

Team registration closes: 6/20

Player registration opens (First Round): 5/13 (\$22/team) Teams need minimum players

Player registration closes 6/30

Flights published on website: 7/4

Players may sign up for first or second teams*: 7/5-7/31

***certain rules apply**

Late Registration: 8/1-8/31, new players may be added but will be charged a double fee (\$44)

First Match 8/2/21 Last Day to report match scores online: 11/7

Banquet: 2nd week of November ~ Venue and date TBD